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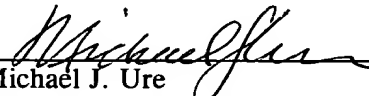   Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

[X]   Also enclosed is _a return postcard._   .

[X]   No additional claim fee is required.

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Responsive to the Office Action dated April 13, 1999, please amend this application as follows:

Please cancel Appendices A-F.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Line 7, replace "said" with --the--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   In a computer system having a system bus and having arbitration [means] circuitry, multiple master devices including a system microprocessor, and multiple slave devices, all coupled to the system bus, a method of reordering system bus transactions, comprising the steps of:

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